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REMARKS

Claims 9-28 are pending in this application. Claims 9-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US patent No. 4,114,122 and European patent application publication EP0042778 A1. Applicant is appreciative of the recognition of allowable subject matter in claims 9-27. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-8 were previously canceled. Claim 9 has been amended. Claim 28 has been canceled. Thus, claims 9-27 remain pending.

Claim 9 has been amended to remedy the indefiniteness issue noted in the Office Action, thereby overcoming the rejection under 35 USC 112. Accordingly, claim 9 and claims 10-27, depending from claim 9, are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion:

It is respectfully submitted that each of the claims pending in this application recites patentable subject matter and it is further submitted that such claims comply with all statutory requirements and thus each of such claims should be allowed.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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